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In re application of : Dietmar SOHNEN et al.
Serial No. : 09/909,899
Filed : July 23, 2001
For : RUBBER COMPOSITION

Group Art Unit: 1714

Examiner: Cain

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COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.111 in Response to Office Action Mailed December 23, 2003 in the above-captioned application.

- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 A Request for Extension of Time.
 No Additional Fee.
 Copy of Form PTO 1449.

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Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			145=	\$	+290=	\$0.00
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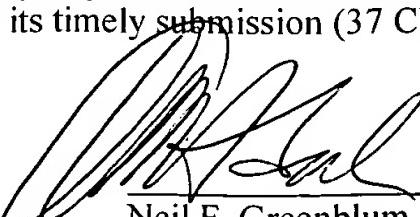
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**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 23, 2003**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 23, 2003, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until March 23, 2003.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and the government fees associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.